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State Higher Education Commission Seeking New Faculty Member

Candidates must apply by Friday, April 28

(INDIANAPOLIS) – The <u>Indiana Commission for Higher Education</u> is accepting applications for the next Faculty Commission Member now through Friday, April 28, 2023. The Faculty Nominating Committee will present recommendations to Governor Holcomb.

Dr. Edward Berger of Purdue University West Lafayette is currently representing Indiana's faculty on the Commission. He is a professor of engineering education and mechanical engineering. Additionally, Berger is the inaugural Associate Vice Provost for Learning Innovation and the Director of the Innovation Lab at Purdue. His term will conclude on June 30, 2023.

"It has been an honor to serve on the Indiana Commission for Higher Education," Berger said. "The opportunity to deepen my understanding of Indiana's higher education landscape has increased my passion for student advocacy and strategic planning. Higher education faculty play a central role in teaching and mentoring students, which in turn supports the Commission's and the State's goals for retention, completion and achievement. I urge faculty members from the state to apply for the next position and continue to represent educators with the Commission."

Faculty Commission Member candidates must hold a full-time teaching, research or other position at a public institution of higher education and reside in Indiana. The faculty member will be responsible to serve as a full voting member of the Commission, which meets approximately 20-25 days each year. The faculty member appointment is a two-year commitment beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.

"Faculty representation on the Commission is imperative to the work we do to advance higher education in Indiana," Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery said. "The appointed faculty member will play an important role as we seek to improve the opportunities postsecondary education provides Hoosiers. The Commission has been fortunate to have had passionate, student-centered individuals serve in the past and we are thrilled to welcome a new perspective this summer."

The application for the position can be accessed <u>here</u>. Applications will be accepted via email (preferred), regular mail, express mail or fax. Applications postmarked or received via email after midnight on that date will not be accepted. The complete application includes a signed agreement to serve on the Commission.

The 14-person higher education coordinating board is comprised of one faculty member, one student member, a representative from each of the state's nine congressional districts and three at-large members. See the full list of Commission members here.

About the Indiana Commission for Higher Education

Created in 1971, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education plans, coordinates and defines Indiana's postsecondary education system to align higher learning with the needs of students and the state. The Commission also administers Indiana's financial aid programs, including the 21st Century Scholars early college promise scholarship, which celebrated 30 years in 2020. Learn more about the Commission's Reaching Higher in a State of Change strategic plan at www.che.in.gov.